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## **New Voter ID Requirements**

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he Ohio Legislature recently passed Amended Substitute House Bill 3, which requires all voters in the State of Ohio to verify identity before voting a regular ballot.

The ID law generally requires that a voter present <u>a photo ID or other document with the voter's name and current voting address</u>.

Acceptable forms of identification for voting include a current and valid photo identification, military identification, a copy of a utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or other government document showing your name and current address.

A photo ID must be issued by the United States government or the state of Ohio and must show all of the

#### following:

- The name, current address and photo of the person to whom the ID was issued.
- An expiration date that has not passed.

Exception: A driver's license or state ID may show a current or former address.

It is important to note, however, that you cannot use as proof of identification a notice that the Board of Elections mailed to you.

Also, please remember that if you do not have, or fail to provide the required proof of identity, you may still cast a provisional ballot in the upcoming General Election on November 7th.

For a complete explanation of provisional voting please visit the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.state.oh.us

### Got ID?

To Vote a Regular Ballot, Bring:

- A Current and Valid Photo ID
- Military ID that Shows Name and Current Address
- A Copy of a Current Utility Bill,
  Bank Statement,
  Government
  Check, Paycheck,
  or Other Government Document
  that Shows Name
  and Current Address

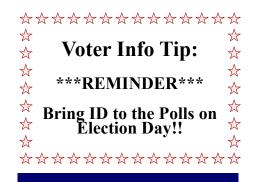
\*\*\*County Boards of Elections Voter Registration Cards cannot be used as ID\*\*\*

If you do not have any of the above listed ID, you may vote a provisional ballot by providing the last 4 digits of your social security number or by signing an affirmation swearing to your identity.

#### **Primary Objectives:**

- To provide for fair and efficient elections throughout Hamilton County and to fairly and equitably enforce all rules, regulations and laws that apply to elections.
- To inform and educate Hamilton County residents regarding the election procedures and processes that govern and operate elections.





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## **Absent Voting Changes**

Sally Krisel, Absent Voting Administrator

Effective January 2006, **HB234** made it easier for any Ohio registered voter to vote by mail. Voters no longer have to state a reason for voting absentee; they can vote by mail anytime 35 days before an election. Voters can also vote 35 days before an election in person at the Hamilton County Board of Elections office located in downtown Cincinnati at 824 Broadway.

To vote by mail you still need to request an Absentee Ballot in writing. You may write your own request or use the absentee voting request form supplied by the Board of Elections or the Secretary of State. A written request <u>must include</u>: Name, Address, Date of Birth, Phone number, Signature; and <u>one</u> of the following identifiers:

- drivers' license number
- last four digits of your social security number
- a copy of a valid photo ID
- a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that has your name and address

You may also vote at your polling location if you do not use your absentee ballot. For details call VOTE at 632-7075.

## 2006 Important Dates

Wed. Sept. 6	Deadline for Write-In Candidates to file Declarations of Intent
Tue. Oct. 3	Absent Voting Begins for November 7th General Election
Tue. Oct. 10	<b>Voter Registration Deadline</b> For November 7th General Election
Fri. Oct. 27	Deadline for Political Parties, Groups of 5 or more Candidates, and Issue Committees to file Observer Appointments
Sat. Nov. 4	12:00 Noon Deadline for Mail-in Absentee Voting Requests
Tue. Nov. 7	GENERAL ELECTION—COUNTY-WIDE